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NEW YORK CITY

Mrs. Alice M. Kane returned to little "ole New Yawk" on Wednesday evening, August 3d, after an eight year's "sojourn" in California. Mesdames Meinken, Simonson and Miss Studt and Abrams, Harry P. and Max M. Lubin were at the Grand Central Station to welcome her home. Stopovers were made enroute, and Chicago extended the glad hand, meeting a number of friends, the Roberts, Gunners, Fridays and Flicks. A pleasant trip was made uptown to the Kane domicile in the new Eighth Avenue subway, and to the surprise and pleasure of Alice, the station was just around the corner of her home, a great improvement over the old Seventh Avenue route, something which was not thought of. This "sojourn," which originally was intended for a fortnight's stay, continued from year to year, the lure of sunny California being too much for Alice to part with. A host of friends were at the station to see Mrs. Kane board the train at Los Angeles.

As a prelude to her forthcoming marriage, a surprise linen shower party was tendered to Miss Sally Auerbach on Friday evening, August 5th. From the moment the arrangement committee consisting of Misses O'Brien, Gourdeau, Fernandez, Kalmanowitz, N. Weiner, Swanson, Downsky and Nordman started launching the plans for this occasion and until the big moment on that evening, they have taken every precaution to keep this from Miss Sally so as to surprise her wholeheartedly. The result was an overwhelming success and Miss Sally was held spellbound when she unwittingly was led (nearly dragged) by her fiancé, Mr. Al. Cohen, to the banquet room of the Chop-Sticks Restaurant on Fulton Street in Brooklyn. The gifts were numerous and at first it was apparent that a truck or even a moving van was needed for transport every gift to her home, but her friends who had cars generously offered their services. There were sixty-five women guests to be exact. This celebration lasted till wee hours of midnight and most of the guests accompanied the future bride to her home, where they were once more served light refreshments until it was so late that the milkman came down to do his daily routine. Miss Sally and Mr. Cohen will march down the aisle on the 28th of August.

Cards received this week locate the following on their vacations. John D. Shea at Saratoga Springs, yes, you guessed it. Do you know his brother is one of the leaders among the turfmen? Mrs. Anna Plapinger at the Judge domicile way up in the mountains of Saugerties, N. Y., where she is resting up after the convention in Albany. Also from Big Bill Deegan and his better half, though they are not on vacation, their cozy home up at Clason Point is an all-year vacation place, with a garden all around their bungalow, which includes all the comforts of an ordinary apartment, refrigeration, steam heat, shower bath. Bill is the same old genial Bill of better days when he pitched for the New York Giants, entertains his friends in lavish style according to the times, and Mrs. Bill is tanned all year round, so there is plenty of sunshine out their way.

Mrs. Blanche Konkell, wife of Mr. William Konkell, passed away on Monday, August 1st, and was buried at the Lutheran Cemetery in Long Island. Her maiden name was Blanche Young.

Alfred Caliguiri, a former New Yorker and Gallaudet graduate, and his sweetheart of college days, Doris Poyzen, were married in a town near Birmingham, Ala., last June. In the fall Mr. Caliguiri will return to Jackson, Miss., to resume his position as a teacher in the school for the deaf there.

Noah Teitelbaum of Montreal, Canada, is vacationing in the city this summer, and intends to stay long enough to attend the Brooklyn Frat's picnic at Luna Park on August 20th.

Another Canadian visitor to New York was Annie Smolensky, hailing from Winnipeg. She has been visiting her relatives at Rochester, N. Y., and for the last week she was giving Uncle Sam's biggest town a lookover. She is due to return to her home some time this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Flick of Chicago, are due in the city during the week of the Frat picnic at Luna Park. They will be pleased to meet their many friends. Hotel Pennsylvania will be their rendezvous during their stay. At present they are in Lakewood, N. J.

Mr. Henry Liebsohn of Brooklyn, died on Friday, August 5th, after several weeks illness. He was 64 years old, and was one of the oldest members of Brooklyn Division, No. 23. He was also an active member of St. Ann's Church and the Brooklyn Guild.

Mr. Herman Skedsneo of Chicago, Ill., is visiting around New York for several weeks past. He is staying with his brother, who lives in Elmsford, near the new Fanwood School.

Mrs. Emma M. Schneider is in Pittsfield Mass., where with her daughter, Anne, she has opened a luncheonette on the shore of beautiful Lake Pontchartrain in the heart of the Berkshire hills. There they will serve refreshment luncheons and dinners to vacationists and campers. Mrs. Schneider will return to New York some time in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Orman of the Jacksonville, Ill., school faculty, are in New York for the present on their annual visit to the paternal home in Brooklyn.

The Frat Day at Luna Park, Coney Island, on Saturday, August 20th, promises to be a gala event, and the usual large gathering of the deaf from the metropolis as well as neighboring states is expected. Besides the usual park attractions, there will be swimming events for prizes in the pool sponsored by the Division. Those who cannot swim will have a chance to display another kind of leg work on the roller skating rink. An open air garden has shade and tables for those who like to bring along the family lunch. Remember the date—Saturday, August 20th, and the place Luna Park. Buy your tickets from the Division Committee at the main entrance.

Union League of the Deaf, Inc.

Club Rooms open the year round. Regular meetings on Third Tuesday of each month, at 8:15 P.M. Visitors coming from a distance of over twenty-five miles welcome. Benjamin Mintz, President; Joseph F. Mortiller, Secretary, 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

St. Ann's Church for the Deaf

511 West 148th Street, New York City
Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock, Vicar
Church services every Sunday at 11 A.M., during summer.
Holy Communion, first Sunday of each month, 11 A.M., June to September.
Office Hours.—Morning, 10 to 12
Afternoon, 2 to 5. Evening, 7 to 9. Daily except Sunday.

36th Biennial Convention, Empire State Association of the Deaf

ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION BEYOND EXPECTATIONS—JACK M. EBIN ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Hotel Ten Eyck, most popular hotel for Convention Headquarters in the city of Albany, buzzed with activity as the Conventioneers of the Empire State Association arrived in ones, twos, threes, and in parties, early in the morning of July 28th, the opening day of the Convention. Under the able chairmanship of Thomas P. Sack the local committee put their program in working order. Mr. Sack was assisted by Frederick Donnelly, Earl Calkins, Charles Morris, Harry Barnes, and William M. Lange, Jr. Mrs. John Lyman presided over the registration table.

Thursday was spent in sightseeing around the Capital by the early arrivals. The earliest arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Goldfogel who came on Tuesday morning and made a leisurely sightseeing tour of Albany and surrounding territory. The Goldfogels had been married forty-eight years ago here in Albany.

The first business session on Friday morning, July 29th, was called to order by President James M. Lewis of Binghamton. With Mrs. Robert Ragotzkie (daughter of the late Edward Van Wormer and Nellie Austin Van Wormer, Fanwood students at one time), acting as interpreter, the meeting was opened with a welcoming address by Mr. Ernest V. Hoit, President of the Chamber of Commerce. He represented Mayor Thacher of Albany in his absence from the city, and also the Albany Chamber of Commerce, offering that body for any service they might render.

The response in behalf of the E. S. A. D. was given by Dr. Thomas F. Fox of New York City, who was a member of that Association when it was still in its infancy. He spoke orally and in the sign language. The gist of the talk follows:

"We, the representatives of the deaf people of the State wish to tell you that we appreciate the honor of having you here and addressing us representing the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor. We know the romance of Albany, the great history of Albany, and the pushing ability of the Chamber of Commerce here which has made it a city to be proud to visit.

"The various schools for the deaf of the State of New York are complete in their facilities for education of the deaf people in sign language and reading. We can talk. We can communicate with signs as well as lip-reading and many of us can do both at the same time. I think all can understand me now as I am talking both ways at the same time. Our language is understood between ourselves and we have no difficulty in getting along but to the people who can hear, it appears just like a Chinese puzzle.

"We try to meet our problems of education and law in our own way and appreciate all that the State of New York and the city of Albany, are doing for us in this city, the center of law and education.

"We wish to say again that we are honored to have you here with us representing the Chamber of Commerce and wish you to convey back to the Chamber of Commerce as well as to the Mayor our greetings. Thank you."

Invocation was offered by the Rev. G. C. Braddock, missionary to the deaf of New York City.

Mrs. LeGrand Klock of Rochester, offered "America" in a most beautiful and graceful manner.

Following that, letters of greetings were read from the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, Rochester Division No. 52 of the N. F. S. D., and from the Mayor of Syracuse and the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. Both the Mayor of Syracuse and the Chamber of Commerce extended an invitation to our Association to hold its next convention in Syracuse. Pres. Kenner of the N. A. D. extended greetings from that organization, and Charles Joselow extended greetings from the Metropolitan Civic Association.

President Lewis appointed the following committees:

Nominating—Arthur Kruger, New York City; Clayton McLaughlin, Rochester; Ira Todd, Rochester.

Resolutions—Charles Joselow, New York City; Annie S. Lashbrook, Rome; Eleanor Sherman, New York City.

Auditing—Benjamin Mendel, Albany; Yates Lansing, Rochester; Isabel S. Lange, Albany.

Reports were next in order and all showed that the various committees had not been idle. Of special interest was the report of the Industrial Committee which stated that the Temporary State Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing had broadened its scope to include the adult deaf. It also received funds to keep going another year. We hope to see our dream of a Labor Bureau of the Deaf in the State Department realized. The Association voted to retain its affiliation with the N. A. D.

During the afternoon session it was voted to accept Syracuse's offer to hold our 1940 Convention there. Its dates will be selected so as not to conflict with those of the N. A. D., which organization is also holding a Convention in 1940.

It was also voted to incorporate the E. S. A. D.

Friday night was devoted to a stage show by professionals and to dancing. Music was furnished by a band for those who would tread the light fantastic and the heavy "Big Apple."

Saturday morning was spent in adopting the Resolutions which were as follows:

WHEREAS, There has been evidence of the increasing need for the creation of a special division of labor for the deaf, be it

Resolved, That a bill to that end be prepared for ultimate presentation to the proper legislative authorities.

WHEREAS, Regulation IV, Paragraph 3, of the Civil Service Act is highly discriminatory in placing the deaf in an undesirable and unwarranted category with the insane, tubercular, paralytic, epileptic, and blind therefore be it

Resolved, That this Organization protest this discrimination against the deaf in seeking position in the State Civil Service and request the removal of the term "total deafness" from said section of the Act and any and all other portions of the act.

THE SIGN-LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, Some of our schools for the deaf, which should lead in the preservation and use of the facile, beautiful, and expressive Sign-Language of the Deaf, have on the contrary attempted to abridge or suppress it in favor of an uncertain awkward and abstract method of communication known as "lip-reading" and

WHEREAS, The educated deaf bear overwhelmingly witness to the truth that the Sign-Language and Manual Alphabet are the most practical, convenient and dependable medium of expression for those without hearing, and

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MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minnesota.

Fifteen guests were present at a surprise birthday party given in honor of Emery Nomeland at his home on 227 Second Street, N.E., July 22nd.

Bridge was played for the most part of the evening and Toivo Lindholm received the prize.

Following the presentation of many useful gifts to Mr. Nomeland, Mrs. Nomeland, assisted by Mrs. Roy Rodman, served a lunch, at which Louis Roth gave a brief speech in honor of Mr. Nomeland's birthday.

An out-of-town guest at the party was Edwin Johnson of Sulphur, Okla. Mr. Johnson has been teaching tailoring at the School for the Deaf in Oklahoma for eight years and has been appointed as instructor of tailoring at the Faribault School for the Deaf for this coming fall to succeed John Reising, who retired last June.

Faribault folks attending the picnic of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Association of the Deaf at Silver Lake park in Rochester Sunday, July 24th, were Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. John Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Lindholm, Mr. and Mrs. John Doheny, Mr. and Mrs. Ingmar Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. I. Dubey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and son, Richard Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rodman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oelschlager, Mrs. Fred Schori and Louis Roth.

At this picnic Edwin Johnson met Edwin Johnson. Neither Edwin knew that there is another deaf Edwin Johnson and they surveyed each other suspiciously when introduced, thinking that a joke was being perpetuated on them. One Ed is a Minnesota grad who has been teaching at the Oklahoma School, coming back to his alma mater this fall. The other Ed is an Iowa grad, who for years has been a Mason City, Iowa, printer. We have unknowingly been patronizing his firm, buying athletic posters to advertise our games and tournaments.

At this picnic a long-time recognition record was set. Frank Thompson met John Flynn. The two had not seen each other for forty-seven years and recognized each other. The couple must have unchangeable features, or Frank stretched the story, which he vouches he did not.

The deaf of Montevideo, Minn., and vicinity have now regular church services at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Fifth Street and Eureka. Rev. A. T. Jones of Sioux Falls, S. D., preached there in July and promises monthly services. Four ladies signed a hymn. Among the twenty deaf folks who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brant of Renville. Many of those in attendance drove from twenty to thirty-five miles to enjoy the service.

The annual picnic of the Elizabeth Tate Circle was held at the Tourist Park on July 20th, the husbands and children of the members joining the group to enjoy a fine picnic supper and games. After the supper Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rodman, who had been married a month previously, were called upon and boosted upon a table where they were showered with gifts. Among those present at the picnic were Quinn Roach of Cloquet, and Miss Dorothy Cadwell of Goodhue.

Recent visitors in Faribault were Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron of Delavan, Wis. The couple were on their way to South Dakota to visit Mrs. Cameron's folks. They planned to stop at the Walser Turkey Farm en route.

Maurice Vogel and Marcellus Johns, 1938 graduates of the Minnesota School who have passed the required examinations to secure employment at the Josten Jewelry Company, at Owatonna, have been in training for some time. They are now regularly employed and if all goes well they will have steady work at good wages

with this nationally known firm. Congratulations and good luck, boys.

During the last week in July Superintendent L. M. Elstad took his wife to Rochester for a medical check up at the famous Mayo Clinic. The couple are there at this writing and reports indicate that all is going satisfactorily.

John Threewits Boatwright took his family and baggage to Nevis the latter part of July for a week's vacation.

MINNEAPOLIS ORAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our plans for our First Annual Picnic to be held at Cherokee Heights Park are still being formulated. However, nothing has been definitely decided and we promise some new novelties at our picnic.

We would like to have visitors from all parts of United States and Canada, who plan to pass through St. Paul or Minneapolis, attend our First Annual picnic on Sunday, August 14th, between the hours of 9 A.M. and nightfall. If there are fifty or more people present, we plan to give a surprise at 10 A.M. in the opening of the program of the day.

Quite a number of Minneapolis members attended the big annual picnic given by the St. Paul-Minneapolis N. F. S. D., Division No. 61, on July 10th at Lake Nokomis Park in Minneapolis.

In the afternoon some of the Minneapolis members were selected by the Frat members to play in the two mixed teams of kittenball. R. Corcoran, Joe Shama, Geo. Revak, Bernie Langford, Rolsy Fallond, Jack Warne, Donald Arndt, Fred Greifenhagen and Deilke played kittenball. Corcoran's team defeated the Frat team 16 to 15. Pretty close.

During the cake auction at the end of the perfect day, a poor hungry cake eater bid fifty cents and bought the cake. The cake eater was Russell Corcoran.

Bernie Langford is back to his old job, repairing street cars in the Twin City Rapid Transit Railway car factory after six months of unemployment.

Miss Winifred Hoppe, a well-known deaf dancer, is back with her parents in Minneapolis, having arrived home after a two-day and night auto trip from Cody, Wyo., on July 8th. She was present at the picnic at Lake Nokomis and surprised all her old friends. However, she won't be able to give a dancing exhibition at our coming Annual picnic as she will be in Wyoming dancing into fame. She is connected with Orpheum Circuit, dances at the various hotels and night clubs all over the broad nation.

Religious Rally in Gadsden for Northern Alabama Deaf

On Sunday, June 19th, the deaf of the vicinity of Gadsden and beyond gathered to the number of twenty-five or more at the 12th Street Baptist Church of that city, where by special arrangement they enjoyed an uplifting service. An overflow congregation was in attendance, there being a revival in progress at the church, but front seats were reserved for the silent visitors. A burning sermon on "Prayer" was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. Edwards, being interpreted for them by Mr. C. E. Jones, Principal of the School for the Negro Deaf and Blind, who has charge of the Baptist work for the deaf in this state. The sermon was thoroughly evangelistic—such a forceful presentation of the old-time Gospel truth as the deaf are especially in need of, and it made a deep impression on the silent listeners present.

It was planned to have the deaf worshipers betake themselves to the "Falls," a scenic spot near Gadsden, after the service, where they were to have had a picnic lunch, but rain threatened and they retired to the basement of the church instead.

The interest aroused in the special service suggested that it be made an annual affair, which will probably be done.

Sunday school classes for the deaf are held regularly in the 12th Street Church, Mr. Wilson Aderholt of Gadsden, being the leader. On the third Sunday of each month Mr. C. E. Jones interprets the service of the church for the deaf in attendance. Mr. Jones also holds services for the deaf in Baptist churches in Montgomery and Mobile, besides acting as interpreter in the Baptist church at Clairmont Springs and for the pupils of the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega churches.

At the close of the school year, Mr. Harry L. Baynes sold his interest in the Coosa Valley Press to his partner, Mr. H. T. Hofsteater, and with Mrs. Baynes and their daughter took a two weeks' vacation at Mrs. Baynes' old home in Joplin, Mo. Mr. Baynes' reason for withdrawing from the nice business he helped build up was that his duties at the Alabama School prevent his giving sufficient time to outside interests during the school year. But Harry L. can't keep away from the smell of printer's ink for long. He is considering offers of a temporary job from shops in Alabama and Tennessee.

Mr. Byron B. Burnes, a former Alabamian, now a teacher in the Minnesota School, was in Talladega a few days recently as the guest of Mr. H. T. Hofsteater. Mr. Burnes was on his way to his old home in Fruitdale, Ala., where he will visit his mother. After resting up there he will return north to continue a course he has been taking for several summers at Chicago University, by which he will attain his M. A. degree.

J. H. McFARLANE.

July 6th.

Frederick, Md.

No attempt will be made here to describe the twelfth quadrennial reunion held at the Maryland State School for the Deaf, June 10th-12th. Suffice it to say that the reunion was as successful as the previous one in 1934, thought it was not the equal in attendance, there being 460.

A couple of days after the close of the reunion Miss Elvira Wohlstrom left for New England to spend the summer vacation with relatives.

Mr. James McVernon hied himself to New York on the fourth of June and returned on the ninth. The purpose of the trip was to attend the last commencement and farewell dinner at old Fanwood. The site of the new Fanwood at White Plains was visited.

Mr. Charles Wiemuth of New York, was a welcome guest of the school during the reunion. He made many friends with his pleasing personality.

Rev. Edward Kearcher of Philadelphia, was also a guest of the school. It was the first reunion which he attended here.

Mr. William W. Duvall took a trip to Frederick, Sunday, June 5th, in the interest of the reunion. He was accompanied as usual by Mr. Ramsey.

On July 3d, the 24th annual outing of the Baltimore Division was held at Hintzelman's Cottage Grove Beach. The weather was perfect, attendance large and everybody happy. From Frederick went Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. James McVernon, Bert and Jim. Mr. and Mrs. McVernon had the usual good luck, the former taking a draw prize and the latter winning the ladies' shoe kicking contest. Jim, you had better keep an eye on her foot when she is on the warpath.

It is becoming an annual habit for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benson to attend the commencement exercises at Galaudet College. They saw the 13-member 1938 class receive diplomas on June 4th.

Among the latest visitors to town were Mrs. Davis and Mr. Shulte of Washington, Rev. D. E. Moylan, Mr. Lester Brown, Mr. Roland Murray and Mr. Howard Hood. Mr. Hood's family is growing, the stork

having brought a bundle of masculine humanity to his home on June 30th.

Mr. Arthur Winebrenner, who remained in Frederick since close of school on June 1st, departed for his parental home in Woodsboro yesterday, his summer plans being indefinite.

What to do with his idle time on the Fourth was settled for Mr. Harry Benson when he took advantage of the bus excursion to Gettysburg to see the tented city. Harry, determined to see all he could, footed it here, there, everywhere over the grounds, going the equal of twenty miles as he claims. He stood in awe before the new Peace Memorial, viewed the battle monuments, visited the camps of the Confederate and Federal veterans, all nonagenarians.

Mr. and Mrs. George Faupel, Doris and George, Jr., and Mr. Charles Creager were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Manahan of Sabillasville, Md., on Father's Day, June 11th. Before dinner the party visited Camp Ritchie near Cascade, Md., to see the Boy Scout Camp, where Mr. Murray Faupel and Mr. Kenneth Brown were acting as counselors. Mr. Brown is a member of this year's graduating class.

Miss Doris Faupel, who spent ten days as the guest of Miss Hazel Manahan in Sabillasville, returned home on July 1st.

Every year on the last Sunday in June several persons from Frederick attend the picnic of Pennsylvania deaf at Hershey Park, and this year the following were there. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn, Miss Doris Faupel, Messrs. Arthur Winebrenner and Lawrence Brude. It was reported that about fifty deaf of Baltimore and other places in Maryland attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn spent ten days in Philadelphia, going there on the 16th and returning on the 26th. While there they met Mr. John Hagan, who, at this writing, is on his second tour of the world on the steamship, Adams, of the Dollar lines. Mr. Hagan presented Mrs. Quinn, his sister, with a number of interesting souvenirs he bought in China, Philippines, India, Italy, Hawaii and Egypt.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn extended their trip to Newark, N. J., to visit their friends the Davidsons, thence to New York City.

Early on the morning of the Fourth, Messrs. Lester Brown, Leonard Downes and Arthur Winebrenner motored to Washington. They were among the 35,000 fans at Griffith Stadium to witness the double header between Yankees and Nationals. It is a safe bet that as long as they live this event will stand out clearly in their memory. The nightcap battled to a 4-4 tie, coming to an end at 7:30 in the evening. Then there was the bottle shower aimed at the umpire by some irate fans and which held up the game fifteen minutes.

The grandstand at McCurdy Field on the afternoon of June 26th was filled to capacity and many were forced to stand. Three facts brought about this unusually large attendance. First, there was the immortal "Big Train" Walter Johnson in person, coaching Dr. Pepper's players on the Washington team that opposed the Hustlers in the ball game. Second, playing on the Dr. Pepper team were three nationally known football professionals, Battles, Leeman and Malone. Last, but not the least, Leonard Downes toed the mound for the Hustlers. Downes pitched a masterly game and won, 4 to 1.

Two Sundays previously, on June 5th, the Taneytown Red Sox, champions of the Carroll-Baltimore County League, gave up a 15-2 decision to the Hustlers. Leonard Downes found it rather easy sailing for him. He allowed a scattered hit now and then and fanned players almost at will.

So far this season Downes has won all the games in which he pitched.

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July 7th.

SEATTLE

Mrs. Cecil Meakin and Mrs. Clarence Thoms managed the ladies' monthly bridge luncheon, held at Nordhoff and Moore Tea Room, June 16th. It was an enjoyable affair, with bridge and door prizes going to Mrs. W. E. Brown, Mrs. Claire Reeves, Mrs. J. T. Bodley, Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. A. W. Wright and Mrs. Joe Kirschbaum. Mrs. Bodley also received the traveling gift. A strawberry social took place at the Lutheran Hall with a satisfactory attendance, Saturday evening, June 19th. Bridge and various games were had till nearly midnight when delicious strawberry short cake was served. Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves donated the berries grown on their chicken ranch. W. E. Brown and John Adams planned this pleasant affair. About June 1st, Rev. W. A. Westerman left for St. Louis for the annual Board Mission Conference.

A. H. Koberstein returned home from Maywood, Cal., after attending to business matters in connection with the property of his wife. He stopped in Corvallis, Ore., to see his 96-year-old mother, who was in fairly good health for her years.

Mrs. Claire Reeve's mother went to Spokane for a two months' rest. In the meantime Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are taking the responsibility of looking after the Argonne Apartment, but they feel relieved having a trusty manager there.

Mr. Billingsley, a hearing man, and his deaf wife of Texas, moved to Seattle, where the former went into partnership of some business with the brother of his wife. They attended the P. S. A. D. meeting, Saturday, and Mr. Billingsley gave a few words in signs about his interest in the deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Stuhf of Pasadena, Cal., are in town, the guests of Mr. Stuhf's brother and his wife this summer. They used to live in Bremerton, the navy yard town, for a number of years. Their many friends were glad to see them looking well.

After the close of the college term of the University of Washington, Miss Mabel Partridge went by stage to Los Angeles, Sunday, to visit her aunt and cousins all summer.

Wilfred, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martin, graduated from the grade school this month. He will enter High School in the fall. His younger brother, George, spent five days at Harborview Hospital with an infected hand. He has recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frederickson of Everett, motored over Sunday and took Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martin for a nice ride about the boulevard.

Beverly, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright, arrived at the home of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McMullen, June 8th. It weighed six pounds two ounces.

Mrs. Laura Foster came back to Seattle from Sacramento last month. She went there and took care of her sister till she passed away. As the days grew warmer Mrs. Foster found it was unendurable for her.

Portland celebrated the silver anniversary of Division, No. 41, N. F. S. D., June 11th. The banquet, participated by about 110, was enjoyable and the interesting toasts by about a dozen speakers received applause. Mr. T. A. Lindstrom, head teacher of the Salem school, was the toastmaster. Seattle Division was represented at the banquet by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown, with Mrs. John P. Jack of Chehalis, being guests in the Wright's automobile.

After the Seattle visitors were the dinner guests of Mrs. J. O. Reichle at her home, Sunday, they motored to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter's home in Vancouver and picked up Mrs. Hunter and son, Ronald, and Mrs. J. P. Jack. At six o'clock the party reached Chehalis. They stayed overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Jack. Mrs. Hunter and Ronald visited with the

Jacks a week before Mr. Hunter joined them and took his family to their attractive cabin at Lake Sutherland in the Olympic mountains.

Miss Violet Buchanan said goodbye to her numerous friends in Seattle and departed to Portland, where she will make her home after her marriage to Durwood Tatreau this month.

PUGET SOUND.

June 20th.

Punxsutawney, Penna.

Despite weather interference that threatened for a time to spoil the party, the Punxsutawney Silent Club recently sponsored a successful Spring Social for the benefit of the Home for Aged, Infirm and Blind Deaf, Torressdale, Philadelphia.

Just after the completion of a movie show that opened the program, a severe electrical storm put the lights out of commission. Undaunted, however, members, with the assistance of some friends, procured candles and oil lamps that enabled them to carry the party through to a successful conclusion several hours later. About seventy persons were attracted by the program and enjoyed themselves to the limit.

It was the club's first venture at a benefit and the members are highly pleased with the patronage that greeted it and the success it attained. Mr. John A. Moynihan was the chairman, assisted by Jethro Jacoby, Wilbur Lattimer, Isaac Mitchell and Herman Schermer.

A neat profit was realized, and a check for \$10.00 was forwarded to the Home, in reply to which the following laudatory letter was received from Mr. Charles A. Kepp, superintendent of the Home:

The donation of \$10.00 from the club to our Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf is most gratefully appreciated. It is a pleasure to note the generosity and kind interest displayed by the members of your club toward the welfare and happiness of the members of the Home.

Trusting this interest will continue, and with kind personal regards to the members, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES A. KEPP

Mark this on your calendar! The Punxsutawney Club announces a second annual basket picnic and outing to be held all day Labor Day, September 5, 1938, at the Community Park, Marion Center, Pa., between Punxsutawney and Indiana, on Route 119. Upon its organization, the club held a very successful outing at this park on Labor Day of last year, which drew upwards of 200.

H. V. S.

July 15th.

Silent Athletic Club, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

3529 Germantown Avenue

Club-rooms open to visitors during week-ends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and during holidays.

Business meeting every second Friday of the month.

Socials every Fourth Saturday.

John E. Dunner, President. For information write to Howard S. Ferguson, Secretary, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia.

Hebrew Association of the Deaf of Philadelphia

Jefferson Manor at S. W., corner of Broad and Jefferson Streets.

Meets first Sunday evening of each month from 3 to 5:30 P.M.

Rooms open for Socials Saturdays and Sundays.

For information, write to Joseph Gelman, President, or Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Secretary, 5043 N. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

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New England Convention

The 39th convention of the oldest association of the deaf, the New England Association of the Deaf, took place on July 2, 3 and 4, in palatial Hotel Biltmore, Providence, with over 300 in attendance. The Saturday meeting started after 3 P.M. in the ballroom on the 15th floor of the hotel—the coolest spot in this city, with President Wm. H. Battersby in chair. The invocation was read by Rev. Everett McPhillips of Pawtucket, R. I. Dr. Rockett, Commissioner of Education in Rhode Island, representing the Governor of the State, stated that one of his greatest joys was to visit the Rhode Island School for the Deaf in this city and see the excellent work done by the pupils. He tried to make it possible for any deaf-pupils to attend high school and college, and to find a job waiting for each graduate. According to the trend of times articulation of speech is taught there, but he hopes the day would come when the combined system might be adopted. He appreciated the value of being deaf at times, and that pupils concentrate and finish as good or better jobs than normal workers.

Mr. Max Cohen responded to this and told him we appreciated his keen judgment.

His Honor, Mr. James Dunne, the Mayor of Providence, told us that the school and the deaf had been in his experience since his youth. Mr. Max Thompson responded.

Mr. Marcus Kenner of New York City, gave greetings of the National Association of the Deaf to us. President Battersby in his address feels it is too early to attempt any Labor Bureaus, rather that we wait results from other States' bureaus. Routine matter took up the rest of the afternoon. The Law Committees composed of Max Cohen, chairman, J. Stanley Light and John D. Moran, submitted a carefully revised Constitution and By-Laws, which was accepted as they submitted. Each section was voted on separately.

After 8:30 P.M., the same ball room was the scene of a ball and entertainment, which was greatly enjoyed.

The younger folks held sway with dances into the sweet sma' hours of the morning.

Sunday morning found us in S. S. Peter and Paul Cathedral for Roman Catholics with Father McPhillips in charge, and the Protestants worshipping in Grace Church, led by Rev. Mr. Light.

The Ball Room of Hotel Biltmore was the scene of another meeting of the Association after 2 P.M., which was largely routine. The following officers were elected for a term of two years:

President, John D. Moran of Bloomfield, Conn.; Vice-President, Colin McCord of Lowell, Mass.; Secretary, Edgar C. Luther of West Hartford, Conn.; Treasurer, reelected, Harry V. Jarvis of Hartford, Conn.; Trustee for two years Chairman, Harry Fancher of New Britain, Conn.; Trustee for four years, Arno Klopfer of Holyoke, Mass.; Trustee for six years, John E. Haggerty of Springfield, Mass.

Ye Silent Crier was adopted as the official organ of the Association, to be issued at least three times a year to the members.

In the evening, after 8:30 P.M., there was a moonlight excursion down Providence River to the bay on a steamer, a four-hour sail and a cooling one—salty zones inhaled which sent us to dreamland upon our arrival at the hotel headquarters.

Monday morning found a good number down at Crescent Park, getting filled up with the famous Rhode Island chowder and clam bake, and sporting ourselves like happy children on merry-go-rounds, roller coasters, rolling octopus, shooting galleries etc., as are found in amusement parks. At the end of the day we reluctantly left for homes, parting from our old and new made acquaintances, and hard at work regaining the

\$\$\$\$ we had spent. It appears the next convention may take place in Burlington, Vermont, though bids have been submitted by the Boston, Mass., and Hartford, Conn., Chambers of Commerce.

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AT LAST the New York School for the Deaf has about completed its grand trek "From Fort Washington Heights to the Hills of Greenburgh." The conveying of its household, office, academic and vocational odds and ends was really a stupendous undertaking, which was not lessened by the heavy rainfalls that wept so fully in marking Fanwood's final departure from its old home. This fantasy of Nature did not add to the harmony of the farewell, since it conspired with sizzling heat, intermixed with downfalls of rain, to put the equanimity of all concerned to a severe test. Superintendent Skyberg must have had a most trying experience, but overcame all obstacles with his usual calmness; he will probably long remember the many plights attending the transfer to the new home.

For three weeks countless van loads had been moving continually from Manhattan to Knollwood Road, White Plains. While the buildings were sufficiently completed to have the loads of material moved in, much of the interior work remained to be done. As yet, things are somewhat at sixes and sevens, but eventually the final setting up will be an accomplished fact. The vocational building became a warehouse of piled-up material, yet everything will gradually find its proper place and trades be merrily resumed. In the printing office the machinists immediately began to reassemble the presses and linotypes, and the electricians then got busy connecting up the wiring, continuing at it until the presses were ready to function. While awaiting the bolting of machines to the floor at their permanent positions, the motors were all ready to set things in motion. As we could not know at what exact period this would occur, our friends had to join us in patient hope for a speedy resumption of JOURNAL issues. Meantime everything points to a successful record at the new school when it once gets into action again.

THERE have been, and probably are still in progress, a number of surveys affecting educational methods and systems. Perhaps the majority of the reports and statistics gathered in these studies are discussed for a while and then apparently forgotten. Meanwhile the activities continue in the old routine improved with some slight alteration. Nevertheless such surveys are not wholly a waste of time when they point out defects and omissions which call for correction.

It is true that educational costs are mounting in the fact of taxpayers' clamor for reductions, still parents, educators and welfare workers properly complain of the inadequacy of the present system of education, with large classes and the lack of modern school buildings. As to whether the money now spent can be used to better advantage, and, if so, how is the revenue to be raised. The questions arise as to how far the educational system may be perfected in extending its scope, for instance, so as to supply nursery schools and free college training for all applicants. Some advocate the use of the school plants for the whole twelve months of the year, thus reducing the overhead charges. It is questionable whether the saving affected would be more than counterbalanced by the unhygienic conditions that might follow from necessary study during extremely warm weather. Opinions differ on such points among educators and laymen. The solution of the cost of education by any additions is a problem that is difficult of solution at this time when the general complaint that citizens are being taxed beyond their ability to pay.

Most people may at times think they have completed a good piece of work. On such occasions they may be inclined to feel elated at a satisfactory accomplishment. It would be provoking to discover that other people have done the same thing, and done it much better.

In observing the great forces of nature it seems a favor that man is allowed even to roam at large. Every now and then nature takes the power into her own hand, as we see in the strength of the north wind, the stormy anger of the sea, showing her might and majesty. Such evidence is likely to sober human belief in its strength and to recognize its limitations. Still many of us do not care to learn from nature; if told anything new, we prefer to be told that we are doing right and could not improve on it. This fact breeds in some people a certain austerity; they are sure they are right and are born to set the world right—hence dictators.

To be human does not imply unworthy compromise; there are times when we must stand firm. One must strive toward superhuman strength rather than in the direction of human weakness. The men and women who have attained prominent places in the world did not seek to force themselves conspicuously forward; they were willing to respect the opinions of others, although not agreeing with their news. Being more ready to be impartial than to rebuke, they did not consider that their own way was the only way. They were ordinary mortals, human beings whose accomplishments made them eminent.

Institutions Move Ever Northward

Under the urge of increasing property values notable institutions of New York City move northward and even pass into suburban areas. Flashes of real estate news published in the last few days reveal this trend and illumine many a page of the colorful past of the metropolis.

Memories of the days when this community was leading the nation in devising ways for aiding the physically handicapped are recalled by the recent passing of title of the Manhattan real estate of the New York School for the Deaf. That institution sold its seven acres on Washington Heights for \$1,500,000 to Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital Medical Center and has moved to a seventy-acre tract at Greenburgh near White Plains in Westchester County.

The New York School for the Deaf and Dumb has been functioning more than a century. The last two words of its name have been deleted because modern science has made it possible for those who cannot hear to speak. The foremost school of its kind in the United States, the school gained world-wide fame. The increase in the pupils led the trustees, many years ago, to seek a site miles from what was then considered the limits of the city. Its stance became the Colonel James Monroe farm of twenty-seven acres along what is now Riverside Drive and Fort Washington Avenue, above 163d Street. There a commodious four-story structure was built and in 1856 formally occupied. The new owners expect to erect on the land several structures connected with the Medical Center.

All the institutions joined in this huge realty deal have had their pilgrimages over the map of Manhattan. Columbia University, the Kings College of pre-Revolutionary days, began life not far away from Park Place as tablets on buildings in that sector attest.

The site became too valuable and the city too crowded for academic calm, so Columbia College, as she had become, moved to grounds near Madison Avenue and Fiftieth Street, obligingly vacated by the New York School for the Deaf and Dumb, about to make its trek to Washington Heights.

Columbia, expanding into a university, desired more room. It happened that the Bloomingdale Hospital, founded to care for mental diseases, was willing to cede its grounds on Morningside Heights to the growing university. Bloomingdale is now near White Plains. Columbia, getting somewhat constricted, has taken on land northward for athletic fields. There is a flashback to her youth in the recent presentation to her of iron gates which once graced the first campus in lower Manhattan when Alexander Hamilton was a student.

Associated with the university and with the Medical Center as well is the College of Physicians and Surgeons, founded in Barclay Street, then flourish for years in West Fifty-ninth Street and now in its Washington Heights environment. The Presbyterian Hospital itself had its roamings and last moved from site at Madison Avenue and Seventieth Street to its present location.

One does not have to go far from Columbia University to find the area which the widely celebrated institution the Leake-Watts Orphan Asylum once occupied. Founded under a will of John George Leake, who died in 1817, it had been for many decades a pioneer in the care of dependent children. The whole scheme of orphanages has changed, however, and the institution moved to Yonkers to establish a cottage system and sold its property to the trustees of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

There stood not many years ago an ornate Gothic style building in the middle of a well-groomed lawn stretching along Ninth Avenue from Thirty-third to Thirty-fourth Street and for almost an entire long block to the east. Such was the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind. A chain

store system has its headquarters there in a huge commercial skyscraper.

The institute itself now is carrying on at 999 Pelham Parkway, far up in the Bronx close to the Westchester County line.

Before the demand for space for business, numerous churches have found refuge further up the island. The same applies to institutions for training of the ministry. The Union Theological Seminary, for example, was started in an extension of Wooster Street, later known as University Place; then moved into a beautifully proportioned building numbered 400 Park Avenue, and now occupies an imposing Gothic pile near Columbia University.

Enormous increases in the value of Fifth Avenue lots caused many shiftings of institutions. In the Fifties, facing that thoroughfare once stood an asylum for negro orphan children. Near St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the former home of the Union Club still stands, was another orphan asylum. Both have disappeared. The negro institution is in Riverdale. St. Luke's Hospital, long a show place of Fifth Avenue at Fifty-fourth Street, is now on Morningside Heights.

A sequestered locale was the ground of the Roman Catholic Academy of Mount St. Vincent. The institution had to leave when its property was taken over by the city to make part of upper Central Park. If has a still more attractive setting at Riverdale, from which its pupils may look upon the Hudson River and the Palisades.

Social workers of the last century used to describe the wickedness of the lawless Five Points, east of Park Row and the Bowery. A mission was established at 155 Worth Street which did much to bring something of "sweetness and light" into the region. The purchase of old tenements as sites for modern commercial buildings greatly changed the nature of the region, as well as the widening of streets. The realty man is a reformer in his way, as he promotes such improvements. The mission itself, however, is functioning at Pomona, Rockland County, New York.

Another significant trend is the vanishing of homes for the aged from the crowded mazes of Manhattan, though many still remain. The Victoria Home for Aged British Men and Women, formerly of Staten Island, for example, is now at Ossining. The Actors Fund of America has several suburban hotels for retired members of the theatrical professions, one at New Rochelle and another at Englewood, N. J.—*New York Times*, July 31, 1938.

National Association of the Deaf

The following Resolution was passed at the recent Convention of the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf:

WHEREAS the National Association of the Deaf in the past few years has been actively engaged in efforts to broaden its scope and usefulness and

WHEREAS it is at present developing a plan of reorganization in an effort to make the association a more truly national group with a national representation,

Therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf, in convention assembled, agrees to extend the National Association of the Deaf its moral support to any plan which can be of benefit to all the deaf.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to President Marcus L. Kenner and to Mr. James Orman, Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization.

OFFICIAL

Owing to pressure of time and inability to devote adequate attention to the work of the Committee on Compensation Laws and Insurance, Rev. Warren M. Smaltz has regrettably tendered his resignation as Chairman. His successor will be named in due course. He continues, however, as a valued member of the Industrial Committee, as well as Committee on Reorganization.

MARCUS L. KENNER,
President

B. B. BURNES, *Secretary*

Minnesota Association of the Deaf Convention

The twenty-third convention of the Minnesota Association of the Deaf was held at Brainerd, Minn., July 1 to 4, 1938. As the deaf of Minnesota and neighboring states gathered for their triennial conclave, Brainerd was all set for its famous Paul Bunyan festival, and this fact lent great color to the gathering as more than a thousand men of the town had jowls adorned in shaggy brush. In other words, they had grown whiskers. The whiskers were of all sizes and shapes. There were black whiskers, gray, red, blonde and dyed. Practically all of the business men, professional men, and working men sported whiskers. It was a sight that our generation rarely beholds. The longest and best whiskers were awarded prizes at the exposition. One asks who is this Paul Bunyan. He is the patron saint of the woodsmen, America's only homegrown legendary figure of the Northwoods and Lakes.

A few words thrown in here about Paul's childhood will put the reader in the right mood to know more about the Minnesota Association of the Deaf, which we set out to write about. Paul was no ordinary baby. Witness: it took five unusually large storks, working overtime, to deliver Paul to his parents. Paul's parents used a lumber wagon for a baby carriage and they had to tie his legs and arms down so Paul would not knock down the fences and trees along the road. Paul grew fast and when a week old was wearing his father's clothes and sitting at the family table.

Later in life Paul acquired an ox, which stepped about making great holes in the land. Paul's tears filled the holes and these are now the more than ten thousand lakes for which Minnesota is famous.

To get back to our story. The convention opened Friday afternoon, July 1st, as scheduled, meetings being held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. President Gordon Allen of Minneapolis, delivered his address. He pointed out that the deaf were careful automobile drivers and urged the deaf to continue their good record so as to disarm unfavorable legislation in case the driver's license law is amended. Secretary V. R. Spence gave a report of the work done by the Executive Committee during the past triennium, and Treasurer Wesley Lauritsen submitted his audited financial report, which showed assets of over \$16,000.

Friday evening a reception was held at the Ransford Hotel, refreshments being served to all, both members and non-members.

At the Saturday morning session discussion centered on putting part of the \$16,000 in funds in trust. It was argued that since the Executive Committee had handled the financial affairs of the organization so well during the past half century, it would not be necessary to make any change. The members of this Committee, all deaf, have given freely of their time to this work, practically without cost to the Association. Why take the funds from their hands and put them into the hands of hearing men, paying for the service, it was asked. Practically all of the investments owned by the Minnesota Association of the Deaf have a one hundred per cent par value, and the organization has suffered practically no losses during the depression.

In an effort to increase its membership, a motion was adopted making it possible for the five-dollar life membership fee to be paid in annual installments over a period of five years. The M. A. D. is strong financially, but desires greater prestige through a longer membership list.

A message was read from Marcus L. Kenner, president of the National Association of the Deaf, extending cordial greetings for a most success-

ful convention. He hoped that the deliberations would be fraught with worthy results for the deaf of the State.

Extended resolutions were adopted which, in short, re-affirmed the conviction that the combined system is the best means of educating the deaf; appreciated the steps taken to raise the educational standards of the Minnesota School for the Deaf; endorsed efforts of the school management to prepare students for higher education at Gallaudet College; appreciated policy of school management to give employment to deaf men and women at the school; that in their judgment hard of hearing children are not proper subjects for education in the Minnesota School for the Deaf; that opinion is voiced that all officers and teachers at the school should make an effort to learn the language and finger alphabet of the deaf; that it is desirable to increase membership of the Minnesota Association of the Deaf; that it is the preference of the association to extend financial assistance to members only; that the right of deaf persons to drive automobiles should not be questioned; pledge co-operation with the school to promote educational efficiency and welfare of the deaf children of the state.

Election of officers Saturday afternoon resulted as follows: Gordon Allen, Minneapolis, President, (re-elected); Archie Benolkin, Minneapolis, First Vice-President, (re-elected); Arthur Peterson, Albert Lea, Second Vice-President; V. R. Spence, Faribault, Secretary, (re-elected); Wesley Lauritsen, Faribault, Treasurer (reelected); Frank Walser, Minnesota Lake, Board Member; Ray Inhofer, St. Paul, Board Member (re-elected). Board members carried over include J. L. Smith, Faribault, and J. S. S. Bowen, Minneapolis.

The officers are all capable and experienced men, and the work of the Association will unquestionably go forward in the right direction under their guidance. For years, the Twin Cities and Faribault have had the lion's share of the officers. Many expressed pleasure in seeing Albert Lea and Minnesota Lake men placed.

The business meetings were poorly attended—average 50 voting members—as is usually the case when not meeting in Faribault. However, eighty-five persons attended the banquet Saturday evening and on Sunday well over two hundred were at the picnic at Lum Park.

The banquet was held at Hotel Ransford, convention headquarters, where President Gordon Allen presided as toastmaster. The speakers included V. R. Spence, J. S. S. Bowen, John Boatwright and Mrs. J. L. Smith. The latter declared that the ladies had done a great deal to help build the Minnesota Association of the Deaf, though none had as yet been president. She expressed the hope that she might see the day when a lady headed the organization.

CONVENTION NOTES

It was the first time that the Minnesota Association had met in a city without a local committee. Brainerd is one of the cities of the state where there are no deaf residents over school age. The so-called "local committee" was composed of out-of-towners, and only half of them were at the convention. Present: V. R. Spence, Maurice Potter, and Arthur Peterson. Absent: Francis Crowe, Clement Huss and Nilo Routsil.

First to arrive at the convention headquarters was Arthur Peterson. There he met Arthur Peterson. (Printers, be sure to follow copy so as not to spoil my good story.) Yes, there were two Arthur Petersons there, and they have much in common. Both are graduates of the Minnesota School; both at printers; both are successful and steadily employed; both drive their own cars. The difference: Albert Lea's Arthur Peter-

son is married; Dayton, Ohio's, Arthur Peterson is still a bachelor.

Dale Saterlund, eighth-grade student at the Minnesota School, made the trip to Brainerd from Minneapolis on his bicycle. He covered the 130 miles in two days. He spent his first night out in a tent which he carried in a basket attached to his handlebars. While in Brainerd he was the guest of Gerald Nygren, a schoolmate.

Youngest person at the convention was the month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Potter of Windom.

Most famous person at the convention was Dr. James Lewis Smith, retired editor of the *Companion* and teacher. Dr. Smith was the first president of the M. A. D. more than fifty years ago and has served on the Executive Committee longer than any other person. He is referred to as Minnesota's Grand Old Man, and was saluted by the banqueteers at the convention. He is now spending the summer at his Crooked Lake Cottage, near Nevis, Minn., with Mrs. Smith and his old crony, J. S. S. Bowen.

Faribault *Daily News* printer Frank Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, and son, Richard, were among the dozen Faribault folks at the convention. They enjoyed it as thoroughly as any. Some forty miles out of Brainerd Frank missed his new straw hat. Scratching his cranium he recalled that it was left in a certain cafe. Then keenly calculating the cost of returning to claim his topper, he figured he had better proceed on his homeward journey. However, he wrote the cafe and found that his hat was there all right, but so broken and unfit for wear that it would not be worth spending postage to ship it to Faribault. Frank figures that Paul Bunyan tried to put it on his huge dome.

Superintendent L. M. Elstad had been invited to attend the convention and deliver an address. He made plans to be there, but upon receiving an invitation to speak at the national convention of oralists in Detroit at the same time, he felt it his duty to accept the latter invitation. However, he sent a message to the Minnesota group assuring them of his interest and cooperation and expressed the hope that all would come to Faribault for the diamond jubilee celebration in the fall.

As these notes on a good convention come to a close, we submit to readers a short summary of the work and aims of the Minnesota Association of the Deaf, as set forth in a letter recently sent out by the Executive Committee:

The Minnesota Association of the Deaf was organized in 1885. It is chartered under the laws of Minnesota as a charitable organization and is exempt from taxation.

ITS PURPOSE

Its general purpose is to promote the welfare of the deaf people of Minnesota, to guard their legal rights, and to give aid to the needy in time of distress, sickness, and old age.

ITS PRESENT STATUS

The Association has a fund of about \$16,000, safely invested and drawing interest. Included in this is a farm of 120 acres in Wilkin County, which is rented and brings in an annual income according to crop production.

WHAT IT HAS DONE

It has made loans to many deaf young men and women to enable them to enter Gallaudet College; it has made loans to deaf owners of homesteads to enable them to pay taxes; it had made other loans for worthy purposes; it has furthered the establishment of a division for the deaf in the State Industrial Commission, with a chief who gives full time to aiding the deaf to obtain employment; it has obtained the enactment of a law to punish impostors who solicit charity by pretending to be deaf, and a law requiring an interpreter when a deaf person is examined before a judge of probate for insanity.

The Association is on the alert for questions that may come up in the State Legislature affecting the rights and privileges of the deaf, and it is ready to support or oppose them as occasion requires.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is open to all deaf people of Minnesota upon approval by the Executive Committee. Hearing relatives and friends of the deaf and all who are interested in their welfare are also invited to become members.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER

You will help to increase the size of the Association and thus add to its strength and usefulness; you will help to increase the fund so that the Association may do more to help those in need; in case of need you may be able to get help from the Association; if you do not need help yourself, you will help others who are in need.

It is the sentiment of the Executive Committee that those deaf who do not care to join the Association should not expect to receive help when they need it.

HOW TO JOIN

The membership fee is only fifty cents a year, or by paying five dollars, you can receive life membership, with no further payments during your lifetime. We urge all who can to become life members. It will be cheaper in the end. Send your name and address with one dollar (or five dollars if for life membership) to Wesley Lauritsen, Treasurer, 723 Sixth St., N.E., Faribault, Minn., and upon approval by the Executive Committee you will receive a certificate of membership. We earnestly ask you to join us and help the Association to carry on the good work it has done and to do more and better work in the future.

The deaf should stand together. In union there is strength.

Ephphatha Conference at St. Louis

It was a warm welcome which St. Louis gave to the Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Missionaries to the deaf—there to discuss matters of the kingdom of God and the spiritual welfare of the deaf. In attendance were eighteen men and some visitors, all eager to understand better the legacy left by the Master and the message of cheer and hope to be brought to their fellow deaf and brethren. Naturally the language in common use among the deaf received much attention and Long's Manual of Signs was frequently referred to, to get a clear, precise and beautiful medium of communication. Addresses by masters of a former generation, which once moved the hearts of the deaf and are now preserved in the silent movies, were shown to the group. It made a lasting impression of the value of signs in communicating with a group, and confirmed the conviction of many that this method is an unsurpassed and beautiful medium of expression and communication to a group of persons bereft of their hearing.

However, the content of that which was to be conveyed to the mind and heart of God's children also received due attention. Paul's epistle to the Corinthians was interpreted in part and applied to present day conditions. Various papers were read which held aloft old ideals and customs, evaluated new and glittering stars and emphasized that they must edify God's children in faith, love and hope.

The Lutheran deaf of St. Louis acted as host to the missionaries, and their consideration for the comfort and pleasure of their guests was appreciated. The same warm feeling which bid us welcome at the beginning of the four day session now bid us adieu when we departed for our several homes and fields of labor. Rev. E. Eichman of Portland, Ore., was elected chairman, and Rev. Mueller of Oklahoma, secretary of the conference. The St. Louis flock orphaned by the premature death of Rev. Hischke will soon receive a new pastor. A call has been extended to the Rev. N. Uhlig, long active among the deaf of Chicago. After the close of the little Ephphatha Conference the national synod met in triennial sessions to commemorate the Centennial of the landing of the Saxon Fathers on our shores and their arrival in the state of Missouri in order to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience and in accordance with the Confessions taken from the word of God and forged in bitter experience of life by their illustrious forefathers at the time of the Reformation, when the light of the Gospel again cheered the hearts of mankind. This is the very synod which has espoused the cause of the deaf in this country, is conscious of the need, confident of the success of the undertaking, and grateful for the opportunity to render service to God in his children, who has called them from darkness to his marvelous light.

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EMPIRE STATE CONVENTION (Continued from page 1)

WHEREAS, This Association reaffirms its historical allegiance to and support of the graceful Sign-Language and Manual Alphabet, and commends all efforts made for their preservation and extension, to the end that they may be passed on as a precious heritage to enlighten and inspire coming generations of the deaf; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the liberal attitude shown by the New York School for the Deaf in its establishment of classes in the proper use of signs, and be it also

Resolved, That other state schools for the deaf will do well to follow this example and that more teachers of deaf children should also avail themselves of the opportunity to learn this means of communication.

PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, We from our own experience and extensive acquaintance with the deaf, educated both orally and otherwise, believe that our views are entitled to consideration; we, therefore, request the attention of all interested in the education of deaf children, parents, teachers, superintendents to the following declaration of principles:

We believe that every deaf child is entitled to the best education that he or she can obtain individually.

We believe that utilizing only one method does not give each individual child his fullest opportunity and that the best method or methods best adapted to the individual child should be at all times open to him or her and used, and

We believe that to prescribe methods by law is absolutely wrong in principle and unjust in application, and harmful to the education of the deaf, and

We believe that the wishes of the parents should be given careful consideration, but that the future welfare of the individual child also be considered carefully and the method best suited to the individual needs of the child itself be used.

We believe that all teachers of deaf children should be conversant with, and able to understand our Sign-Language and Manual Alphabet, because it is an incontrovertible fact that possessing this eminent qualification such teachers will be better prepared for their calling.

WHEREAS, It is the consensus of opinion of the members of the Empire State Association that the definitions of the deaf and hard of hearing as established in the December, 1937, meeting of the Temporary State Commission, in the city of Troy, N. Y., are erroneous and inconsistent with the truth, and

WHEREAS, This misleading interpretation is damaging and most unfair in that it accepted by the Legislature, it will lead eventually to various groups of the hard of hearing encroaching upon or claiming dominance over the field of education and general welfare of the deaf long recognized as in the jurisdiction of state schools for the deaf and of organizations of the deaf; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Association condemn attempts on the part of certain individuals and groups to remove the adventitiously deaf from the society and the life of the deaf and place them in another world as hard of hearing individuals; and be it also

Resolved, That we offer and support the following set of simple and clear-cut resolutions which were unanimously ratified at the June, 1937, convention of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, and likewise adopted by the National Association of the Deaf, and the Metropolitan Civic Association of the Deaf:

"THE DEAF: Those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for the ordinary purposes of life.

This general group is made up of two distinct classes based entirely on the time of the loss of hearing.

(a) The congenitally deaf—those who were born deaf.

(b) The adventitiously deaf—those who were born with normal hearing, but in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional later through illness or accident.

THE HARD OF HEARING: Those in whom the sense of hearing, although defective, is functional with or without a hearing aid.

Resolved, That the use of such terms as deaf-mute, mute, deaf and dumb, semi-mute, and deafened be discontinued as they tend to lead to confusion of mind and misrepresentation, and also be it

Resolved, That the Publicity Committee of the Association be instructed to make known to all legislative agencies of the State the proper definitions of the term "deaf," and the distinction between "deaf" and "hard of hearing."

WHEREAS, The Empire State Association of the Deaf needs protection in its increasing responsibilities; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Association be incorporated.

WHEREAS, There is the obvious need for statistics concerning the population, occupations, and other vital information of deaf residents of New York State; therefore be it

Resolved, That necessary funds be provided for a census of the deaf in the state.

WHEREAS, The best means of reaching all the deaf in the state and of bringing to the attention of the public the general information on the problems and daily activities of the deaf, is through the medium of a regular publication, be it

Resolved, That an official organ to be devoted entirely to the problems in general of the deaf in the state be published and financed by the Association.

WHEREAS, The National Association of the Deaf has in the past few years broadened its scope of usefulness to the deaf and is now engaged in the development of a plan for reorganization that would render the Association a more truly national group with a national representation, be it

Resolved, That the Empire State Association of the Deaf, convened in Albany, N. Y., July 28-31, 1938 extend to the National Association of the Deaf its moral support to any plan that would be of general benefit to the deaf.

WHEREAS, The Temporary State Commission has been appointed by Governor Lehman to study and improve the facilities for care of deaf and hard of hearing children as well as the adult deaf and hard of hearing, be it

Resolved, That we go on record as expressing our gratitude to Governor Lehman and the State Legislature of New York for making this possible, and also be it

Resolved, That this Association do all in its power to help the Commission in its work.

WHEREAS, Exhibits of the deaf have been the best means of attracting the attention of the public to the capabilities of the deaf in their various lines of endeavor, be it

Resolved, That we extend thanks to the National Association of the Deaf for the use of the Chicago Exhibit of the American Deaf for display during our convention.

THANKS

Resolved, That the Empire State Association of the Deaf extend its thanks to Mr. Ernest V. Hoyt, President of the Chamber of Commerce, for his address of welcome to the City of Albany.

Resolved, That the local papers, namely, the *Knickerbocker News* and *Times Union*, be extended the thanks of the Empire State Association of the Deaf for the splendid and generous publicity accorded the convention.

Resolved, That the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, the *Modern Silents*, the *Silent Broadcaster*, and other periodicals of and about the deaf, merit the thanks of the Empire State Association for their past year of liberal service of valuable advance publicity.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Joseph P. Craugh, member of the Board of Standards and Claims, for his splendid paper, "The New York State Labor Law and its Relation to the Underprivileged," and to Mr. Joseph J. Endres, Chief of the Physically Handicapped Bureau of the State Education Department, for his interesting speech, "The Need of Special Education for the Deaf," both delivered at the banquet of the Association.

Resolved, That the Empire State Association of the Deaf commend and extend its thanks to Dr. Helen Thompson, of the School of Medicine, Yale University, for her stand in regard to the necessity of a liberal education of the deaf and for her encouraging words in defense of the Sign-Language, as expressed in her widely reprinted letter to the American School for the Deaf in reply to the question on the relative merits of the chief methods of instructing deaf children.

Resolved, That the Local Convention Committee comprising Thomas P. Sack, Chairman, Earl Calkins, Frederick Donnelly, Charles Morris, Harry A. Barnes, and William M. Lange, Jr., be given an acclamation of congratulations and thanks for making a substantial success of the 35th Biennial Convention of the Empire State Association of the Deaf.

Resolved, That the Association extends its whole-hearted thanks to the Capital District Association of the Deaf, which acts as host of the Convention, and commends highly its souvenir program and booklet, markedly interesting for contributions of timely articles from Commissioner Charles A. Harnett, of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Rev. Herbert C. Merrill of Syracuse, N. Y., Dr. Percival Hall, President of Gallaudet College, Mr. T. C. Forrester, Superintendent of the Rochester School for the Deaf, Mr. John B. Hague, Principal of the Central New York School for the Deaf, Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, and Mr. Victor O. Skyberg, Superintendent of the New York School for the Deaf.

Resolved, That for their capable work in advancing the prestige of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, the officers and committees of the Association merit

the whole-hearted commendation of the membership of the Association and the deaf in general, as well as the thanks and appreciation of all true friends of the deaf.

Resolved, That the members of the Association extend their deep sense of gratitude to the management of Hotel Ten Eyck for the apparent display of its courtesy and solicitude for the comfort of the members of the Convention Committee, delegates and visitors, hereby ensuring the success of the Convention.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the following: Senator Jacob H. Livingston, Chairman of the Temporary State Commission; the Division of Schools for the Deaf in the State Department of Education; the schools for the deaf in the State of New York, the National Association of the Deaf; the Metropolitan Civic Association of the Deaf; and to all others concerned.

Election of officers was next in order and the chairman of the Nominating Committee presented their slate. With Mrs. Lashbrook as chairman, assisted by Miss Sherman, voting got under way. The tellers were Elery Race, Binghamton; George R. Lewis, Binghamton; and Ira Todd, Rochester. For the next two years the destiny of the E. S. A. D. will be in the hands of President, Jack M. Ebin, New York City; 1st Vice President, Yates Lansing, Rochester; 2nd Vice President, Thomas P. Sack, Schenectady; Secretary, William M. Lange, Jr., Albany; Treasurer, Abraham Miller, New York City; Directors, James M. Lewis, Binghamton and Annie S. Lashbrook, Rome, (term unexpired).

The officers were installed by Dr. Fox. Mrs. Lashbrook signed "Home Sweet Home" and the meeting was adjourned *auf wiedersehen*.

Saturday night a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed in the "Band Box." The speakers' table was on a raised platform. After the repeat Mr. Harry Barnes introduced the speakers, Mr. Joseph P. Craugh, member of the Board of Standards and Claims, and Mr. Joseph J. Endres, Chief of the Physically Handicapped Bureau of the State Education Department. The former spoke on "The New York State Labor Law and its relation to the underprivileged," and the latter on "The

Need of Special Education for the Deaf." Both were interpreted by Mrs. Ragotzkie and were received with much applause.

Dr. Fox was next introduced (to most of us he needed no introduction) and we hope to print his speech in a later issue for posterity. So tumultuous was the applause, we doubt if there was anyone so deaf he could not "hear" it. Rev. H. C. Merrill concluded the speeches on the evening with a few appropriate remarks.

A floor show followed the speeches. Many lingered in the lobby until a late hour, meeting old acquaintances and making new friends.

Sunday morning Holy Communion was offered at St. Paul's Church by the Rev. H. C. Merrill, missionary to the deaf of New York State outside of New York City. He was assisted by layreader William M. Lange, Jr.

Buses left the church and the hotel at 10 A.M. for a visit to the Saratoga Battlefields and the famous mineral springs of that city. Later a picnic was held at Mid City Park, where quite a crowd gathered in spite of the dampness brought on by a "40 days" rain in this vicinity. And then the Convention was officially at an end. Due credit should be given to the Local Committee for their untiring efforts to make the Convention one that will go down in history as a successful affair and one long to be remembered.

An 24-page souvenir program was issued, containing interesting letters on topics connected with the deaf by people well known in their various fields, which will be printed later.

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